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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed
November 17, 2004.

Restriction has been made under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following
inventions:

Group I, claims 1-9 drawn to a catheter; and

Group II, claims 10-17 drawn to a method of manufacturing a catheter shaft.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-9
drawn to a catheter.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 10-17
in a divisional application.

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate
petition is enclosed, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time sufficient to make the

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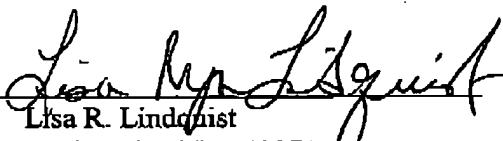
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